WHEELING, W. VA., SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 1, 1889.

EXTRA.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1. 5:00 P. M.

WITHOUT PRECEDENT

Pennsylvania's Awful Rush Flourishing Johnstown Wiped Out in an Hour. of Waters.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PERISH.

Awful Scenes in the Terrible Scarcely a Moment's Warning from the Flood.

CALAMITY GROWING WORSE EACH HOUR

Fire Adds to the Horrors of the Night-A Hundred People Thought to Have Been Burned in the Wreck at Johnstown-Total Loss of Life Estimated at Three Thousand-Impossible for Days to Get the Number Accurately.

What a journey has been that of the

LAUGHED AT THE WARNINGS.

The People Did Not Head Them, Laughed

at Fear and Finally Perished.

New Florence, Pa., June 1.—The

gray morning light does not seem to show either hope or mitigation of the

been without rest and food since yesterday afternoon, and the operators who
have handled the messages are even now
preparing for the work of the day. There
has been a long wrangle over the possossion of a special train for the press,
between rival morning paper men, and
it has delayed the work of the others
who are anxious to get further east. Even
here so far from the washed out
towns, the horror is in our midst.
Seven bodies have been found on the
shore near this town, two being in a
tree, a man and a woman, where the
tide had carried them. The country
people are coming into the news-centres
in large numbers, telling stories of

Three Thousand—Impossible for Days to Get the Number Accurately,

The absorbing interest in the terrible disaster in Pennsylvania justifies an INTELLIGENCER extra. The details continue to be meagre as compared with the known extent of the casualty, but they tell enough to show that the loss of life and property has never been equaled in this country outside of a pitched battle. The bursting of the first train passed New Florence and Flitsburgh, and has it moment possible.

Markous Friends Seeking Their Loved Ones. Fitted Steries. Sano Hollow, P.A., June 1.—At 9:30 the first train passed New Florence cast, It was crowded with people from Pitts burgh and places enroute. People who were going to the scene of the disaster with but little oppe of finding their long. In a low see, once a live. Rich and post were on board that train, all thinking but one thing, and that was "what will we see?" The vast sheed of water. It looked back where Cambria of the possible.

WHEELING RELIEF MEETING.

Help For the Pennsylvania Justifies and that was "what will we see?" The vast sheed of water was full of forting the instancent known to be present at So 'clock this Saturday evening, in the Second Branch Council Chamber, to take action looking to the relief of the sudferers by the floods in measure of the dreadful fate that their long, in the Second Branch Council Chamber, to take action looking to the relief of the sudferers by the floods in Pennsylvania. The appeal for aid is ur-

relief of the sufferers by the floods in villagers, who were out along the banks Pennsylvania. The appeal for aid is ur-

(Signed) C. W. SEABRIGHT, Mayor. IT WAS PREDICTED.

But the People Would Not Belleve-Terrible Sights in the Sweeping Flood.

New FLORENCE, TA., June 1.—The calamity of yesterday was as singular as it was fatal. It is now very evident that more lives have been lost because of foolish increduality than from ignorance of the danger. For more than a year just such a character. The foundations of the dam were considered to be shaky of the dam were considered to be shaky early last spring, and many increasing leakages were reported from time to time. According to phople who live in Johnstown and other towns on the line of the river, ample time was given to the Johnstown folks by the road officials and by other gentlemen of standing and reputation. In dozens, it is sought news. "Ours is a big within the walls escaped. of the river, ample time was given to the Johnstown folks by the road officials and by other gentlemen of standing and reputation. In dozens, yes, hundreds of cases, this warning was utterly disregarded and those who heeded it early in the day were looked upon as cowards and many jeers were uttered by lips that now are cold among the rank grass beside the river.

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An awful source of the feelings. From every new-comer and possible source of information she sought news. "Ours is a big but the water soon reached the mill, and white with any who were of the feelings. From every new-comer and possible source of information she sought news. "Ours is a big with the walls escaped.

The first sill of the door was covered, and then the first story, and by the lime it covered the railroad bridge the entire mill and yard was submerged. At this time there were over 1,000 men at work in the mill and yard, but how many got with a sob: "There are my four child the sob is and to me, and withing for my answer she continued with a sob: "There are my four child the water soon reached the mill, and who were looked with a heart of the water soon reached the mill, and who it did, few it any, who were and when it did, few it any, who were with the walls escaped.

The first sill of the door was covered, and then the first story, and by the lime it covered the railroad bridge the entire mill and yard, but how many got was submerged. At this fine there were over 1,000 men at work in the mill and yard, but how many got was luckier than many of the surrounding towns, not having lost any houses by the flood, but some sixty-five mill and yard, but how many got was filled that to with a story of a Rescued Man—Deeds of Bero-land with a story of a Rescued Man—Deeds of Hero-land with a story of a Rescued Man—Deeds of Hero-land with a story of a Rescued Man—Deeds of Hero-land with a story of a Rescued Man—Deeds of Hero-land with a look of the withing with the walts and when it did, fe

with sightless eyes at the gray clouds from the slimy banks of a meadow just below New Florence, with a smile that perhaps had its birth in that spirit of "who's afraid," which had such awful results. An awful, mud-bedruggled. the meadow and yet there was alook of peace on the features that brought tears to eyes of the rough men who found her and fastened the body by a short string to a post. She had a work a day's life, poor creature, her hand were rough, her face thin and worn and her hair was as streaked with gray as th stormy sky just after dawn. Whether incredulity and fool hardiness numbers its flood victims by scores or by the hundrels are one and the state of t incredulity and fool-hardiness numbers its flood victims by scores or by the hundreds, no one yet knows, and it will be many days before the writing upon tombstones and the tracing of "the unknown dead," are ended. There is growing a feeling among the survivia. known dead, are ended. There is grow-ing a feeling among the surviving suffer-ers against those who owned the lake, and damage suits will be plentiful by-and-by. The dams in Stony Creek, above Johnstown, broke about noon yesterday and thousand of feet of lumber passed down the stream.

ONE HUNDRED BODIES AT ONE PLACE. It is impossible to tell what the loss of life will roll up, but at 9 o'clock the Coroner of Westmorland county sent a message out, saying that 100 bodies had been recovered at Nineveh, half way from here to Johnstown. Sober mind-ed people do not hesitate to say that 1,200 is moderate.

"How can anybody tell how many are slead?" said a said a

J. Each, a brave railroad employe, saved 16 lives at Nineveh. The most awful culmination of the awful night was the roasting of a hundred or more persons in the mid-flood.

FIRE AND THE PLOOD.

The ruins of houses, outbuildings and other structures, swept against the new railroad bridge at Johnstown and from an overturned store or some such cause, the upper part of the wreckage caught fire. There were crowds of men, women and children on the wreck and their screams were soon added to the awful choras of horror. They were literally roasted on the flood. Soon after the fire burned itself out. Others were thrown against the mass. There were some fifty people in sight when the ruins suddenly parted, broke up and were swept under the bridge into pitch darkness.

Johnstown gone.

The latest news from Johnstown JOHNSTOWN GONE. that at I o'clock but two houses could be

A FEARFUL JOURNEY.

rvivor's Thrilling Story-"God Only Knows How Many Perished."

BLAIRSVILLE INTERSECTION, June 1 .at Lockport, about eighteen miles from the scene of the disaster, Eliel Benson, an old man, Mrs. Boyle, Paddy Madden and two Hungarians were rescued. Mr. Benson was seen at Mr. Miller's store, and when the poor old fellow had calm-ed down somewhat he gave a graphic description of the flood and desolation that swept in the train of the water.

aid he:
"I live in Cambria City. I think no "He in Cambria City, I think not less than 1,500 people were lost, During the morning the water was at least three feet deep in the streets, and the current was swift. Boards, logs, rafts and rubbish of all kinds were floating past the door. In the house with me on Chestnut street, were ten persons beside myself, and I feel sure they were all lost.

"Up to 4 o'clock in the afternoon the water in the streets remained stationary.
The company store and club house and at the point, where it was at least 7 to 8 feet deep before the rush came. It was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon when

THE CAMBRIA IRON MILL GONE.

Oh, the horror and infinite pity of it all. Handreds of Workmen Thought to be PITTSBURGH, June 1 .- From the bits last half hour. Swollen, awful corpses lay here and there in piles of cross ties of news that could be gathered the most or on the river banks among the tangled greenery. It was about nine town were at the works of the Cambria co'clock when the first passenger train since Friday came to the New Florence depot with its load of eager passengers. There were no idle travelers, but each had a mission. Here and there men were staring out of the twin was sounded, by the bursting of the great dam. It came down through the valley in which the town was sounded, by the bursting of the great dam. It came down through the valley in which the town was sounded, by the bursting of the great dam. It came down through the valley in which the town was coming on them. The were tough looking Hungarians and Italians, who had lost friends near Italians, who had lost friends near the rains, soon began to overflow it Nineveh, while some are weeping on

the there were to the mill and yard, but meta at alive is not known. The most teel flew in all directions from the conservors when the water ran into them, and flashes of death-dealing hot meta could be seen on all sides. Aside from the loss of life, the loss of the Gambria Iron Company will be immense. Their obtained in the company will be immense. Their of the company will be immense. Their of the country of the company will be immense. Their of the control of the country of the company will be immense. Their of the control of the country of the company will be immense. The country of the company will be immense. Of one thing that Lockport can boast, it is local heroes. Yesterday afternoon, at its local heroes. The company will be immensed the company will be immensed to the company will be immensed the company over the terrible misfortune.

NOT A HOUSE LEFT.

In the town known as Canada, which is near the steel works, there is not a mean the town known as Canada, which is near the steel works, there is not a mean the steel works, there is not a mean the town known as Canada, which is near the steel works, there is not a mean the town known as Canada, which is local heroes. Yesterday afternoon, at its local heroes. Yesterday afternoon, at its local heroes. Yesterday afternoon, at its local heroes. The company is an analysing the company in the company in the company in the company is an appliance of the company in the company is an applied in the company is an applied in the company is an applied in the company in the place as we an old man floating in the place as we an old man floating in the place as we are obtained in the company in the place as we are obtained in the company in the place in the compan

gray morning light does not seem where a show either hope or mitigation of the awful fears of the night. We are where we drove agross the mountain in the first part of desolation at Johnstown. It has been a hard night to everybody. The weary overworked newspaper men who have in house mithout rest and food since yester day alternoon, and the operators who have handled the messages are even now have handled the messages are even mow have has been a long wrangle over the possove by has been a long wrangle over the possove over first morning paper men, and been a long are anxious to get further east. Even there so far from the washed out towns, the horror is in our midst.

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people are coming into the news-centres in large numbers, telling stories of disaster along the river banks in sequestered places. John McCartney, a carpenter who lives in Johnstown, reached here about 4 o'clock. He left Johnstown at 4:30 o'clock vesterday and says the scene when he left was indescribable. The people had been warned early in the morning to move to the highlands, but they did not heed the warning, although it was repeated a number of times. Up to 1 o'clock, when the water poured into Cinder street several feet deep. Then the houses began rocking to and fro, and finally the force of the current earried buildings across streets and vacant lots and dashed them against each other, breaking than into souls sent in an hour to their God; the other nineteen-twentieths sent fiseing to the mountains for their lives, as in the days of Noah's flood—only without the 40 days in which to make the flight. Add to the awful breadth and depth and significance of this the further fact that the first rush of the flood had come and gone, and taken its dozen of lives with it, only to leave others thanking God that they were spared; add to this the horrors of a choked-up torrent, filled with floating houses, bridges and debris, backing water and rising, as by the motion of a hand, until, very shortly, it had inundated the remainder of the city, and left, as one surviving witness says, but two houses distinguishable out of all that sunken city; multiply this, by the sight, before the flood had submerged all of burning homes, with their occupants victims of both fire and flood. homes, with their occupants victims of both fire and flood—and you have a pic-ture the like of which has been drawn in no disaster of its kind on this con-tinent, or on any other, for that matter, within modern times!

covered, and passed down the Ohio river.

A citizens' meeting has been called at the old City Hall to devise means to aid the sufferers of the Johnstown flood.

The Pennsylvania railroad officials have already placed cars on liberty street for the purpose of receiving provisions and clothing, and up to this hour many prominent merchants have came forward with their donations.

THE LOST CITY.

Johnstown, Its Location, Its Importance, Its Industries, Its History in Brief. Johnstown, until overtaken by the isaster of yesterday, was one of the most flourishing and prosperous manu-facturing towns in the State. It had over a population of 8,000 in 1880, and has grown rapidly since. Probably the number of inhabitants at the present date it was twice as large. It has not been incorporated as a city, but is still governed under a borough charter. Including its populous suburbs, which are really a part of the town, several of them being separated from it only by imaginary lines, Johnstown has nearly, if not quite, 35,000 inhabitants.

Its site is picturesque and beautiful—in fact tile natural scenery of the entire county is perhaps unsurpassed in the

state. The Conemangn Valley, at Johnstown, is but a few hundred feet in width, the mountains extending close up to the river. The neighboring boroughs, Conemaugh, Millvale, Cambris, Prospect, East Conemaugh, Franklin, Coopersadie and Woodale, are all growing places. Johnstown proper is situated at the confinence of the Conemaugh river and Stony creek, a portion of the city lying on the west side of the latter stream.

Its location is the site of Kiekenapawling's Indian town, where the whites began to settle nearly 100 years ago. The town is well paved; has electric lights, street cars and a fine system of water works. It contains many handsome business blocks and stylish residences. It is particularly noted for the number and excellence of its churches, nearly a dozen different denominations being represented, and many of them having very fine and costly edifices.

For many years the town was the connecting point between railroad and canal transportation. As far back as

connecting point between railroad and canal transportation. As far back as 1831 the Portage Railroad ascended the castern slope of the Allegheny Mountains by five inclined planes, up which cars were drawn by stationary engines, and descending the western slope in the same way, connected at Johnstown with the "main line" of Pennsylvania improvements. This great achievement, as it was then considered, was superseded later by the Pennsylvania Railroad, which enters the county of Cambria through the Gallitzin tunnel and leaves it at the border of Westmoreland and Indiana counties. Johnstown is also the terminus of the Somerset and Cambria branchlof the Baltimore & Ohio, running from Rockwood on the Cum-

berland division to Johnstown.

The greatest iron and steel manufacturing company in the United States—the Cambria Iron Company—has its works in Johnstown. In their numerous blast furnaces, their Besemer steel works, rolling mills and mines they employ thousands of men. The Johnstown works are of vast extent, covering over sixty acres; with a network of suilroad tracks nearly forty miles in total length. The annual product of the length. The annual product of the works runs into the millions, and half the population of Johnstown is depend-ent, directly or indirectly, on the indus-

The Gaütier Steel Works, located in the upper part of the town, and under the management of the Cambria Company, are among the most extensive and best known in the country. The Johnson street railway mill, manufacturing steel rails for street railroads, is situated in one of the new suburbs and is one of the important industrial establishments of the valley.

THOUSANDS DROWNED.

Johnstown swept away! The thriftiest about the people who reached Boliva

houses which reached there whole were dashed to splinters against the dam o ocks.
On the place of William Mancarrow'

Cambria Iron Company. He told of his terrible experience in a voice broken with emotion. He said:

When the Cambria Iron Company's bridge gave way I was in a neighbor's house—Edward Garvey's. We were caught through our own neglect, like a great many others, and a few minutes before the house was struck (jarvey remarked that he was a good swimmer, and could get away no matter how high the water rose. Ten minutes later I saw him and his son-in-law drowned. No human being could swim in that.

TERRIBLE TORRENT OF DERIES.

After the South Fork reservoir broke. I was flung out of the building and saw, when I rose to the surface of the water.

in the river. The body was taken to the undertaking rooms of D. Bowers to await identification. Description: Stout, fleshy woman, about 30 or 35 years old; weight, about 175 pounds; about 5 feet 6 inches high; black hair; no clothing, but a blue calico waist, with white flowers in it; plain gold ring on finger of left hand.

A FEARFUL JUENNY.

Four other bodies were seen, but, owing and to-day there are not a dozen houses at Cambria City, out of over 1,500. The whole place is descrted, and the Iron covered, and passed down the Ohio river.

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trip."

Henry Berket and George Richt were also conspicuous among the life saving corps, and rescued four people from the water.

The Fishing Club that Owned the Lake Leading Citizens of Pittsburgh, Pittsвuegh, Pa., June 1.—"Good heavens! Is it so that the dam has bro ken?" exclaimed James V. Long last evening, when a reporter told him of the disaster at South Fork.

"Well," he continued, "it is not untexpected to me, nor to many members to fithe South Fork Flahing Club. It has all always been a sword of Damocles, not only to the members of the club, but to others. The people of Johnstown have a always feared it. Time and again the dam has been examined and every time, ti was pronounced safe; but no one knew when it would break."

Mr. Long is State Commissioner of Fisheries, and is a member and for years was Secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Sportsmen's Association. It was from the latter organization that the South Fork Fishing Club sprang. All the original members of the fishing club, and nearly every one who is a member now, belongs to the Sportsmen's Association.

When the Pennsylvania Railroad Com-"Well," he continued, "it is not un

cistion.
When the Pennsylvania Railroad Company bought the old canal and constructed along its line the great highway of rails the reservoir was no longer needed. The many ages of land which formed the bottom of the lake had originally been meadows, and when the lake was no longer needed the meadows reappeared as the water was drained off from the bottom.

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The property was bought by the South Fork Fishing Club from Mr. Reilly. The exact price paid none of the members of the club who were seen last night could say. The club was formed on the basis of a membership limited to 100 persons, the shares being placed at \$500 each and each member being required to own two shares before being entitled to the privileges of membership. Nearly \$20,000 was expended in putting the dam in thorough repair, in addition to money spent in other improvements. Then arrangements were made for the erection of a hotel and cottages. Every member who desired to put up a cottage within six months was allowed a plot of ground 100 feet square.

There are now about sixty members of the club, of whom sixteen have cottages. Commencing from the lower end of the lake, and going to the head, the cottages stand in this order:

A MAGNIFICENT LIST.

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1. D. W. C. Biddle.
2. M. K. Moorehead.
3. P. C. Knox.
4. J. H. Lippincott.
5. James W. Brown.
7. Charles J. Clarke.
1. William Mullin
7. Charles J. Clarke.
1. M. B. Stydam.
1. Joseph Horne.
1. Walter McClintock.

18. Waiter McClinock.

From the foregoing names, everyone of which is so well known in Pittaburgh that it would be superogatory to tell who the individuals are, it will be seen that the membership of the club is confined to the wealthy and prominent residents of the two cities.

seventy-five Persons Burned at Johnsto New Florence, Pa., June 1.—One hundred bodies recovered at Ninevel and seventy-five persons reported burned in a fire at Johnstown.

AN APPEAL FOR AID.

The P., C. & St. L. Railroad Company Of The following telegram has been re-ceived by Mr. Belleville, of the Pan-Handle in this city:

PITTSBURGH, PA., June 1. . M. Belleville, Wheeling: The condition of affairs and the suf-

The condition of affairs and the suffering in and around Johnstown is appalling, and the necessity for aid is urgent. If it has not already been done, can not you call a public meeting and have committee appointed to receive contributions of supplies. Our company will transport free anything offered for the relief of the destitute. Action should be taken at once. Advise me what is being done.

Supt. P., C. & St. L. R. R.

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NEW MARTINSVILLE FAMILY

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apposed to Have Been Lost at Johnstown,

Not Heard From.

A. W. Oxnard, formerly of New Marabout one year ago. He married Miss Edith Springer, a New Martinsville girl, and has an interesting family of small children. It is understood their house stood on the low ground of Johnstown, and it is feared they are among the lost. Miss Mollie Springer is visiting them, and the New Martinsville friends are very uneasy for their welfare.

DELAY OF TRAINS.

Washouts and Water on the Tracks Prevent

city of 20,000 to 30,000 souls in the State! alive was how they passed through the at these points. The express train for Do you comprehend the half of what it falls half way between Lockport and Philadelphia left here at 4:35 o'clock this

Mr. Frank J. Hearne, of this city, left on Thursday for the East. He was to stop at Johnstown on the way. At the office of the Riverside Iron Works it is supposed that he got through his business in Johnstown and left before the flood swept down. No word has been received from him.

Another Wheeling Man. Frank Wheat, son of Chat. Wheat, formerly of this city, was at work in Johnstown. Nothing is known of his

Fire at Martin's Ferry.

At noon to-day, while repairing the gas pipes at the Northwood Glass Works, Martin's Ferry, the gas was turned on. An explosion resulted, igniting the works and damaging it to the extent of \$300 and bursing Wesley Coss and John Weidel seriously, the former probably fatally.

MORNING EDITION.

Frightful

RESULTS OF THE BIG STORMS

In Pennsylvania-Towns of Thousands of Inhabitants Nearly Wiped Out.

A Reservoir at Johnstown Bursts and Terrible Destruction of Life Follows.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST

Waters Come With Such Suddenness That Escape is Impossible

And Entire Families are Swep Away by the Raging Torrent.

COMMUNICATION IS CUT OFF

With the Outside World and Details of the Calamity are Very Meagre.

Great Floods at Other Points-Clear-

field Under Water-Railroad Bridges Swept Away-The Damage Cannot be Estimated at Present.

at Johnstown has resulted in an awful catastrophe. It is said that the reservoir above the town broke about 5 o'clock this evening and the immense volume of water rushed down to the city carrying with it death and destruction Houses with their occupants were swept away and scores, probably hundreds of people were drowned. There is no connection with Johnstown, but a telegraph operator in the Pennsylvania rail-road tower at Sang Hollow, twelve miles this side of Johnstown, says at least seventy-five bodies have floated past. The wires are all down and no trains are running east of Blairsville, which is about twenty-five miles west of Johnstown. There is no way to get to the scene of the disaster and full particulars can hardly be obtained to-night, although every effort is being made to do so. There will be no trains through before to-morrow.

A LATER DISPATCH. Latest reliable information received from Johnstown comes from Pennsyl vania railroad men, who aver that over 200 dead bodies have been counted floating down stream at Johnstown alone, while along the line many additional lives have been lost. It is asserted that there are but two houses in Johnstown entire ly above the water line A special train bearing the Pennsylvania Railroad officials and a large number of news paper men, has left this city for the scene. Telegraph communication is en-

been flooded and hundreds of lives lost. Houses are floating about and the people who are free are panic stricken, and are fleeing to the mountain. At a point near New Florence eighty-flve persons has been seen floating down the river on drift wood. One report comes that but two roofs of the houses in Johnstown can be seen. The Coketown and New Florence bridges have been washed away and all the buildings along the Conemaugh between New Florence and Johnstown have been carried away. The railroad towers have been abandoned by the operators.

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MEAGRE DETAILS.

The Associated Press train, from pressured to the state of the state o from 6 to 40 feet, and the waters spread out over the whole country. Soon houses began floating down, and clinging to the debris were men, women and children shieking for aid. A large number of citizens at once gathered on the county bridge and they were re-inforced by a number from Garfield, a town on the opposite side of the river. They brought a number of rones ent appearances, will not be able to run nearer than six or eight miles of that part of Johnstown where the flood was

Washouts and water on the Tracks Prevent
Arrival of Trains from the East.
The Baltimore & Ohio express train from Philadelphia, due here at 11 o'clock this afternoon. This was the first and only train that has come in dover the Baltimore & Ohio since the Baltimore is from 200 to 300 feet above the level is from 200 to 300 feet above the level of Johnstown, being in the mountains. It is about three and one-half miles long and from a mile to one and one-fourth miles in width, and in some places it is 100 feet in depth. It holds more water than any other reservor, natural or artificial, in the United States. The lake has been quadrupled in size by a tificial means, and was held in check by a dam from 700 to 1,000 feet wide. It is 90 feet in thickness at the base. The height is 110 feet and the top has a breadth of over 20 feet.

A MIGHTY FOWER.

Recognizing the menace of the lake to the Pennsylvania railroad engineers, and their investigation showed that on any other investories and we were at last forced to the Pennsylvania railroad engineers, and their investigation showed that on attire would tear the barrier away and loosen the water of death.

The very steady rains of the past forty-eight hours increased the youlme of water in all the small mountains attems which were already swelled by the lesseer rains. Early in the week, from the best information obtainable at this time, it is evident that something in the nature of a cloud burst must have

been the culmination of the struggle of the water against the embankment.

THE TERRIBLE TORRENT,

escape from destruction. The conductor reports that immediately after his train had passed over the bridge which spans the river at South Pork that structure was swept away by the rushing

A TERRIBLE SCENE.

river. They brought a number of ropes and these were thrown over into the boiling waters as persons drifted by in

were about giving up all hope a little

boy astride a shingle roof managed to catch hold of one of the ropes. He caught it under his left arm and was

caught it under his left erm and was thrown violently against an abut-ment, but managed to keep hold and was successfully pulled out on to the bridge amid the cheers of the onlookers. His name was Hessler and his rescuer was a train hand named Carney. The boy's age is 10. At midnight your cor-respondent secured an interview with him. His story of the frightful calamity is as follows:

is as follows:
"With my father I was spending the

efforts to save some poor beings. A BOY'S STORY.

For a half hour all efforts were fruit-

been the culmination of the struggle of the water sgainst the embankment.

Anxious priends.

The difficulty of obtaining definite information added tremendously to the excitement and apprehension of the people in Pittsburgh, who had relatives and friends at the scene of the disaster, Members of the South Fork Club, and among them some of the most eminent men in the Pittsburgh financial and mercautile world, were in or near Johnstown, and several of them were accompanied by their wives and families.

There happened to be also quite a number of residents of Johnstown in Pittsburgh, and when the news of the horror was confirmed and the railroad bulletined the fact that no trains would go east to-night the scene at the Union Depoi was profoundly pathetic and exciting. But two trains were sent out by the Pennsylvania road from the Union station at Pittsburgh and the first of these was the special frain of the Associated Press. The Pittsburgh papers also sent out specials, but up to 10:30 nothing reliable as to the details of loss of life or property had been ascertained. The difficulty in sending press dispatches was overcome by an expedient familiar to the Associated Press in trying times.

THE TERRIBLE TORRENT,

The course of the torrent from the

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to get anything in the way of news save meagre details.

An eye witness at Bolivar block station tells a story of unparalleled terrorism which occurred at the lower bridge which crosses the Conemaugh at this point. A man with two women were seen coming down the river on a part of the floor. At the upper bridge a rope was thrown down to them. This they all failed to catch. Between the two bridges it was noticed to point towards the elder woman which it is Supposed was his mother. He was then seen to instruct the woman how to catch the rope which was being lowered from the other bridge. Down came the raft with a rush. The brave man stood with his arms around the two women.

A horrorythic incident. The course of the torrent from the broken dam at the foot of the lake to Johnstown is almost eighteen miles, and Johnstown is almost eighteen miles, and with the exception of at one point the water passed through a narrow V shaped valley. Four miles below the dam lay the town of South Fork, where South Fork itself emptied into the Conemaugh river. The town contained about 2,000 inhabitants. It has not been heard from, but it is said that four-fifths of it have been swept away. Four miles further down, on the Conemaugh river, which runs parallel with the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad was the town of

As they swept under the bridge he runs parallel with the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad was the town of Mineral Point. It had 800 inhabitants; ninety per cent of the houses were on a flat and close to the river. It seems impossible at this time to hope that any of them have escaped.

Six miles further down was the town of Conemaugh and here alone was a topographical possibility for the spreadpoint of Conemaugh and the breaking of its force. It contained 2,500 inhabitants women to get up into the tree. It contained 2,500 inhabitants women to get up into the tree. reached up and seized the rope he was jerked violently away from the two wotopographical possibility for the spreading of the flood and the breaking of its force. It contained 2,500 inhabitants and must be almost wholly devastated. Woodvale with 2,000 people lay a mile below Conemaugh on the flat, and one mile further down were Johnstown and its cluster of sister towns, Cambria City, Conemaugh borough and Prospect, with a total population of about thirty thousand on made ground and stretched along right at the river's verge were the immense iron works of the Cambria Iron and Steel company, who have \$5,000,000 invested in their plant.

There are many other industrial establishments on the bank of the river how badly damaged cannot be estimated. At 1 o'clock a railroad man says the loss of life will reach hundreds and possibly over thousands. The report of the loss of these towns above cannot yet be confirmed.

A dispatch from Philadelphia says:
Dispatches received up to midnight at the office of the General Manager of the

FIFTEEN HUNDRED LIVES LOST IN ON

A courier to Bolivar, Pa., from the scene of the flood at Johnstown, reports 1,500 lives lost.

A dispatch from Philadelphia says:
Dispatches received up to midnight at
the office of the General Manager of the
Pennsylvania railroad indicate that the
situation is hourly growing worse. The
effects of the storm are now being felt
on the middle division of that road extending between Harrisburg and Altoona. Land slides and washouts are reported all along the line between these
places. JOHNSTOWN WIPED OUT. he Lost and the Suffering of the Living.

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No trains will be sent out west of Harrisburg until the storm abates and the extent of the damage can be ascertained. A telegram from Pittsburgh places the location of the various east bound trains as follows: The New York limited safe at Welmore; the Atlantic express, which left Pittsburgh at 3 o'clock this morning and the sea shore express, which left Johnstown at an early hour this morning, are both laid up at Portage; the day express from Chicage and the mail train leaving Pittsburgh at 5:30 this morning are at Conemaugh, the foot of the western slope of the Allegheny mountains.

The Philadelphia express, which started east from Pittsburgh at 4:30 a, m, is at Bolivar Junction. The same dispatch says: We have had no wire east of Conemaugh since noon. We understand that Conemaugh town and Johnstown are entirely washed away and many lives lost. The water is new falling.

The New York limited east bound, which is now at Wilmore had a narrow escape from destruction. among those saved, which should be re-lieved as soon as possible. In the in-terest of humanity I think a public meeting should be called early to-mor-row to send food, clothing, etc., to those poor people, which we shall be glad to lorward to Johnstown and neighborhood as soon as we get a clear track there. ROBERT PITCAIRN.

water, was seen away by the rushing General Manager Pugh said at midnight that no train would be allowed to proceed until the tracks were cleared away and rendered entirely safe for travel. AT TYRONE AND CLEARFIELD. The Juniata and Susquehanna Rivers Over-A dispatch from Derry, Pa., says: The tidal wave struck Bolivar just after dark and in five minutes the Conemaugh rose from 6 to 40 feet, and the waters spread flow--Clearfield Entirely Under Water, All Escape Cut Off.

river has overflowed its banks at this place and flooded the entire southern portion of the city, causing great destruction to property and the streets. People living in the flooded districts had to be removed from their homes in wagons to places of safety. All the railroads cen-

phaces of safety. All the railroads cen-tering in this place are greatly damaged by the floods. The water was never known to be so high at this place. At Chreensville, one man was drown-ed, and at Clearfield two young ladies were drowned in trying to escape from the flooded districts.

The Susquehanna river has overflow-ed its banks at Clearfield, and the entire

ess, until at last when the rescuers place is under water, and all means of escape cut off. The people have gather-ed in the court house and opera house as a place of safety. This evening it is still raining hard and the waters raising

> STORM IN LOUISIANA. Whole Family Destroyed in a Cabin in De

New ORLEANS, June 1.—Wednesday afternoon a severe storm swept over a portion of De Soto parish in this State,

the current earned qualitaties across streets and vacant lots and dashed them against each other, breaking them into fragments. The buildings were freighted with the poor wretches who so shortly before had laughed at the cry of danger. McCarney says in some cases he counted as many as fifteen persons clinging to a building, McCortney's wife was with him. She had three sisters who lived near her. They saw the house these girls lived in carried away and then they could stand it no longer, so they hurried away. The husband feared his wife would go crasy before he could drag her away and they left the flooded district and went inland along country roads until they reached here. It is said to be next to impossible to get to Johnstown proper to-day in any manner except by row-boats. here. It is said to be next to impossible to get to Johnstown proper to-day in any manner except by row-boats.

One of the Lost.

Leechnurg, Pa., June 1.—This morning at 7:30 the body of a lady was found bridge about 10 o'clock this morning.

county is perhaps unsurpassed in the State. The Conemaugh Valley, at Johns-town, is but a few hundred feet in width,

running from Rockwood on the Cum berland division to Johnstown.

try.
The Gautier Steel Works, located in

the children she ran to the garret, and from there out on the roof, thinking she could thus escape from the rising waters. In her fright she was mistaken, for no sconer had she reached the roof than the house began to move, and the next instant it was floating down the river with its load of living freight.

A FOURISHING CITY

Demailshed in an Mour—The Worst Blow of its Kind is American History.

PITTSURGEN, June 1.—A Dispatch special says:

THE MOST MIRACULOUS POINT about the people who reached Bollyar bout the people who reached bout the people who reached Bollyar bout the people who reached bout the people who reached Bollyar bout the people who reached bout the people who reached Bollyar bout the people who reached bout the people who reached Bollyar bout the people who reached Bollyar bout the people who reached Bollyar bout the people who r

Boliyar. The seathing waters rushed through that barrier of rocks with a noise which drowned that of the passing trains, and heavy trees were whirted high in the air out of the water, and

house, groaning with pain and grief, lay Patrick Madden, a furnaceman of the Cambria Iron Company. He told of his

TERRIBLE TORREST OF DESIGNATION

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